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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

**[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0033]**

**Request for Comments on the Approval of a Previously Approved Information Collection:**

**Information to Determine Seamen's Reemployment Rights – National Emergency**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information is needed to determine if U.S. civilian mariners are eligible for re-employment rights under the Maritime Security Act of 1996. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. MARAD-2020-0033] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Room W12-140,

Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rodney McFadden, 202-366-2647, Office of Maritime Labor and Training, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Information to Determine Seamen's Reemployment Rights – National Emergency

**OMB Control Number:** 2133-0526

**Type of Request:** Renewal of a previously approved collection.

**Abstract:** This collection is needed in order to implement provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 1996. These provisions grant re-employment rights and other benefits to certain merchant seamen serving aboard vessels used by the United States during times of national emergencies.

The Maritime Security Act of 1996 establishes the procedures for obtaining the necessary MARAD certification for re-employment rights and other benefits.

**Respondents:** U.S. merchant seamen who have completed designated national service during a time of maritime mobilization need and are seeking re-employment with a prior employer.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for profit

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 10

**Estimated Hours per Response:** 1 hr.

**Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 10

**Frequency of Response:** Annually

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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Dated: February 3, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

*Secretary,*

*Maritime Administration.*

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